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HB 5326

It is with great interest and concern that I strongly recommend that Bill 5326 be acted upon to get it out of committee and thus available for a vote. This Bill which Compassion and Choices is supporting has my full support in providing a way for physicians to be compassionately involved in providing a meaningful and gentle ending to a suffering individual. All the safeguards that are included in the bill make this a highly useful law for those few suffering individuals who feel that they need such protection against unnecessary lengthy dying struggles. Indeed, as Oregon has shown, the very knowledge that there is a way out of debilitating suffering has allowed for relatively few individuals to take advantage of the offered prescriptions. We all know that life is short, but we want whatever our lifespan, to end with dignity and with our own wishes heeded.

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